

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims below will replace prior versions of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An event management system comprising:
a set of event consumers, each event consumer being configured to perform an action in response to an occurrence of an event, the set of event consumers including:
 - an email consumer configured to handle email messages;
 - a paging consumer configured to generate a page message;
 - an active scripting consumer configured to execute at least one script;
 - a log file consumer configured to record information in a log file;
 - an event log consumer configured to log messages to an event log;and
 - a command line consumer configured to launch at least one process;and
 - an event management module configured to create an event filter object having properties that identify events that are intended to cause one or more actions to be performed, the event management module being further configured to bind the event filter object to one or more of the event consumers that are capable of performing the one or more actions, and in the event that any one or more of the identified events occurs, to pass a notice of such occurrence to any event consumers that are bound to the event filter.

2. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein the email consumer is an SMTP consumer.

3. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein the event log consumer is an NT event log consumer.

4. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 further comprising a forwarding consumer to forward events.

5. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein the email consumer sends an email message in response to receiving an event.

6. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein the paging consumer will page a telephone number with a message in response to receiving an event.

7. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein the active scripting consumer executes a predefined script when an event is received by the active scripting consumer.

8. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein the log file consumer records information to a log file when an event is received by the log file consumer.

9. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein the event log consumer logs a message to an event log when an event is received by the event log consumer.

10. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein the command line consumer launches a process in response to receiving an event.

11. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein events in the event management system are represented as objects.

12. (original) An event management system as recited in claim 1 wherein each consumer in the event management system is represented as a class.

13-38. (withdrawn)

39. (Previously presented) A computer system comprising:
an event provider configured to generate events;

an event consumer selected from a set of event consumers, the event consumer being configured to perform an action in response to an occurrence of an event generated by the event provider, the set of event consumers including:

- an email consumer configured to send at least one email message;
- a paging consumer configured to send at least one page message;
- an active scripting consumer configured to execute at least one script;
- a log file consumer configured to record information in a log file;
- an event log consumer configured to log at least one message to an event log; and
- a command line consumer configured to launch at least one process;

and

an event filter associated with the selected event consumer, the event filter being configured to specify the event and, in response to the occurrence of the event, to deliver information about the occurred event to the event consumer.

40. (Once amended) The computer system as recited in claim 39, further comprising a second event consumer selected from the set of event consumers, wherein the event filter is further configured to deliver information about the occurred event to the second event consumer.

41. (Once amended) The computer system as recited in claim 39, further comprising a second event filter associated with the event consumer, wherein the second event filter is configured to specify a second event and, in

response to the occurrence of the second event, to deliver information about the occurred second event to the event consumer.

42. (Once amended) The computer system as recited in claim 39, wherein the event providers includes at least one of Win32 provider, Windows Driver Model (WDM) provider, event log provider, registry provider, performance counter provider, active directory provider, Windows installer provider, and Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) provider.

43. (Once amended) The computer system as recited in claim 39, wherein the event consumer includes an instance of a class associated with an application program.

44. (Once amended) The computer system as recited in claim 39, wherein the event filter includes an instance of a class associated with an application program.

45. (canceled)